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Trailing 2-0 after only 15 minutes, the Lady Warrior soccer team came back for a 3-2 win over Hazelwood Central on Thursday in a battle of two of the St. Louis area's top teams. Granite City will take a 12-1 record into Monday's game in Collinsville.

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Drake Marshall pitched a six-hit 3-0 shutout Thursday as the Warrior baseball team kept Belleville East from taking sole possession of first place in the Southwestern Conference. Dan Partney drove in two of the runs with a double.

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Rachel Jane Shafer, daughter of Susan and Ron Shafer of Pontoon Beach, has been crowned Missouri's 1991 "Tiny Miss Model of the Year" on April 27 at the St. Louis Centre. The 20-month-old girl competed with more than 100 toddlers in the 12- to 24-month age group.

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Hot tip

**Hall tickets remain**  
Chairman Frank Kraus has announced that tickets are still available for the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame annual dinner Friday, May 10, at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall on Pontoon Road.  
The event will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. Approximately 450 people are expected to attend the fifth annual dinner.  
The program, which includes inductions of a number of individuals and teams, will begin at approximately 8 p.m.

25 years ago

**Thursday, May 5, 1966**  
Appointment of Robert W. Stevens, son of retired clerk A.L. Stevens, to the \$9,200-a-year job as city comptroller was approved unanimously by Granite City Council.

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Deterrent?

City says sales tax hike unlikely to deter shoppers

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Officials contend a proposed 33 percent increase in the city's retail sales tax would not motivate shoppers to do their buying elsewhere.

In an attempt to balance the city's budget, Mayor Von Dee Cruse has proposed a one-quarter cent per dollar increase in sales taxes. The proposed increase would be expected to raise \$260,000 in revenue for the city.

It would change the city's portion of the sales tax from three-fourths of a cent to one cent.

"One of the city's big problems is its loss of retail sales to other communities," according to Cruse. He cited the fact that Fairview Heights, due to its large sales tax revenue, does not even need a property tax for the city government.

The additional revenue would be expected to offset a loss resulting from the Sales Tax Reform law — to take effect Sept. 1 — which prohibits home-rule municipalities, like Granite City, from taxing food and drugs.

City Comptroller Kim MacTaggart estimates the resulting loss in revenue from the prohibited tax will be \$250,000 a year.

Asked if the one-third hike would prompt shoppers to make purchases elsewhere, Cruse said, "I don't think so. I don't think (increased) sales taxes will cause an exodus of shoppers from Granite City."

Economic Development Director Alan Ortbals concurred. "I don't think (the increase) will have any effect at all (on the number of shoppers)," he said. "I imagine most people aren't even aware of what the sales tax rates are in the various areas."

Cruse said, "You could ask 50 people and probably not one would know what the sales tax (rate) is. The point is, it all adds up."

Cruse explained that the additional tax on a \$100 purchase would be only 25 cents (from 75 cents at the present rate).

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School may go on market

By Mike Myers

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The former Nameoki School and its surrounding property may soon be on the market.

The Granite City school board gave approval Tuesday to a plan to have surveyors subdivide the property, located on the south side of Pontoon Road between North Street and Terrace Lane, in an attempt to make it more attractive to potential buyers.

Board President Roy Koberna said that while the divided properties might be sold separately, "I think that if the plan won't take the school building off our hands, we won't turn any of the land loose."

According to School Superintendent Gib Walmsley, the basic idea of the survey is to separate the school building and Pontoon Road frontage from a large tract of land behind it. He said the land tract could be divided further to make residential lots.

Walmsley agreed that it would be unlikely that

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Naturalization a big day for little Granite Citian

By Ellen Drenkhahn  
Correspondent

COLLINSVILLE — Ninety-five people from 34 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens Friday morning by U.S. District Judge William D. Steihl in Collinsville.

The petitioners were surrounded by cheering family, friends and well-wishers at the Gateway Convention Center. Many of the happy faces in the crowd were streaked with tears — some of joy, others of relief.

For Sung Hee Suh, a sixth-grade student at Niedringhaus School in Granite City, it was a special day.

Sung Hee has not been in this country long enough to take the oath of citizenship herself, but she was present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremonies.

"When Sung Hee first arrived in this country four years ago, she could speak no English. Now she has gone on to become an honor student and will be presented the presidential academic

award this year, given to the top 10 percent of students nationally," said Steihl in his introduction.

This was the first time that the U.S. naturalization ceremony has been held at the convention center in Collinsville. Proceedings are normally held in the courtroom in East St. Louis, but other places are sought when the petitioners exceed the capacity, Steihl said.

In his opening remarks, Steihl said, "As I look at this group, I am reminded of how much those of us born in the United States take for granted the freedoms of speech, religion and the press. It is the lack of those freedoms that brought you here today. We (American citizens) are the most fortunate people on earth."

For the Le family of Belleville, the day brought both relief and pride. Four brothers, one wife and one sister, all with Vietnam as their country of origin, together took the oath of citizenship.

"This is a big relief. I'm over-

whelmed, excited, and very happy. Now we can be like everybody else and have the right to vote, serve on juries, pay taxes and bear arms," said Vinh Thomas Lee, who with his family owns and operates the China Gate Restaurant at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights.

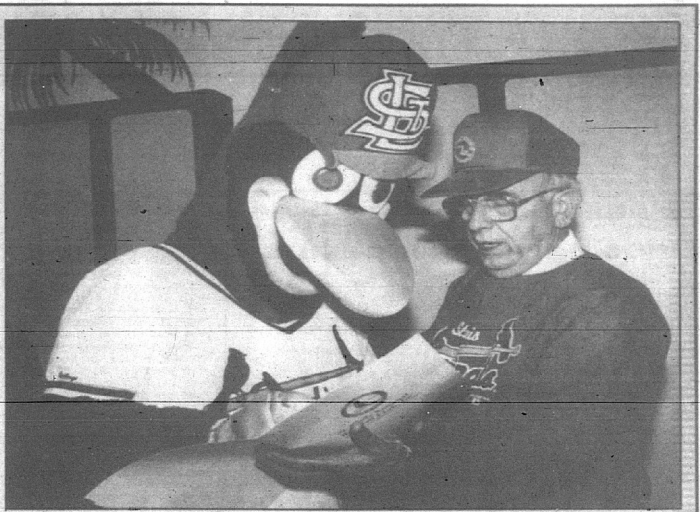
Vinh is the eldest brother in the family. He said the family did not plan to be sworn in together, but delays in the petitioning process prevented some from taking the oath earlier. He eventually asked for assistance from U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello to expedite the process.

Vinh and two of his brothers, Quang and Tan, have lived in Belleville for more than seven years — two years longer than the required residency.

Other members of the family moved to Belleville later. Vinh, his wife, Lyty, his sister, Lan, and brothers Tan, Quang and Tuyen shared the joy of the day together.

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**BIRDS OF A FEATHER:** Maryville Elementary School Principal Art Menendez gets Fredbird's autograph for the students at the school after an assembly. Fredbird visited the school Thursday afternoon with a message to stay in school, say no to drugs and participate in sports.

Mayor won't replace him  
Bell quits fire chief post

By Mike Myers

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The fire department will be without an assistant chief after Tuesday. Assistant Fire Chief Bobby Bell has submitted his resignation, Mayor Von Dee Cruse said, and Cruse said he will not fill the position when he makes his appointments Tuesday night.

"I think it's time to look at reorganizing the fire department," Cruse said. "Do we really need an assistant chief? Aren't each of the shift commanders already second in charge? That's the kind of thing I think we need to look at."

Cruse said Bell, who will revert to his permanent rank of captain and remain with the department, resigned in order to be able to pursue his outside economic interests.

"Bobby hasn't been fired or anything," Cruse said. "He came to me and asked to resign. But maybe this is an opportunity to make some needed changes."

Cruse said one problem is that everyone in the fire department, including the chief, is part of the union. He said a shortage of management people is a problem in most of the city's departments.

The last contract removed the police chief and assistant police chief from the union. But, he said, in the street department

everyone is in the union except the street superintendent. At the sewage treatment plant, Cruse said, everyone is in the union except for the plant manager and his assistant.

Asked about Bell's resignation, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace said, "If that is the case, and I don't know it to be a fact, so this is purely hypothetical, it will definitely increase the workload on me."

"But I don't perceive it as being detrimental to the department as a whole. Some things

may not be done as quickly as before, but not to the point that it interferes."

Wallace said he wouldn't expect the resignation of Bell as a captain to result in the demotion of an existing captain.

"It will more likely create an additional captain in the ranks, and there will probably have to be more delegation of responsibilities," Wallace said. "But, I want to say again, this is news to me and, therefore, strictly hypothetical."

Hanke to be named new city engineer

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — At least three of the city's appointed officials will not be re-appointed to their positions by Mayor Von Dee Cruse on Tuesday night as the city begins a new fiscal year.

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Bell, Safety Director Dick Portell and City Engineer Ed Schulze have all tendered letters of resignation, Cruse said.

The engineering and safety positions are expected to be filled by others, although the city is

currently operating under a hiring freeze enacted last fall.

Cruse said Thursday the engineering position, vacated when Schulze retired May 1, will be filled by Public Works Director Brett Hanke. He said Hanke will fulfill the duties of the city engineer in addition to continuing his current duties.

Schulze was hired Oct. 22, 1974, as a city engineer. His responsibilities included supervision of motor fuel tax projects and traffic engineering.

Hanke said that, although he will have more responsibilities, (See HENKE, Page 14A)



**SIXTH-GRADE SUNG HEE SUH** led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance during naturalization ceremonies Friday in Collinsville.



# Capacity audience will honor law enforcement officers

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

A capacity crowd will attend the 1991 Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner on Monday, May 13, at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall in Granite City. U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello, D-Belleville, whose background in law enforcement is extensive, will be principal speaker at the event. More than 325 guests are expected.

All tickets for this year's dinner are sold, it was announced last week by Walter Milton Sr., chairman of the Crime Prevention and Awareness Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, and R.C. Bush, chamber executive vice president. The committee sponsors the dinner.

Law enforcement officers from area police departments will be honored at the dinner, a traditional part of National Law

Enforcement Recognition Week. Support for the recognition program is provided by area industries, business firms, civic groups and service organizations.

Many of the companies are represented at the dinner and also sponsor an equal number of police officers and officers' wives as guests.

"The purpose of the dinner is to say 'thank you' for the job of protecting life and property of residents and businesses in this area," Milton said.

"We also want to promote better understanding and an improved relationship between the public and its law enforcement officials."

A social hour with a cash bar will start the evening at 6 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Charlie's Restaurant and served at 7 p.m. Music will be presented by the Note-A-Bles.

Costello became a court bailiff

for the 20th Judicial Circuit in Illinois shortly after graduating from Assumption High School.

He also worked as a deputy sheriff until taking the position of chief investigator for the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office.

After graduating from Maryville College in 1972, Costello served as director of Court Services and Probation for the 20th Circuit.

In November 1980, Costello became the first chairman of the 29-member St. Clair County Board to be elected countywide.

He served as County Board chairman until his election to Congress in August 1988 to fill the term of the late U.S. Rep. Melvin Price.

In November 1988 Costello was re-elected and in November 1990 he won another two-year term in Congress.

Prior to his Congressional service, Costello was involved in

several major regional projects, including the rehabilitation of bridges linking Illinois and Missouri, the light-rail system to serve commuters in both states, and expansion of Scott Air Force Base to joint military-civilian aviation use.

Costello has worked to continue progress on many local economic programs and others important to southwestern Illinois since becoming a congressman.

He has secured funds to create a national park on the Mississippi riverfront and to construct a medium-security federal penitentiary in Bond County. He is a co-sponsor of legislation to require a balanced federal budget and to assure safe work places for working men and women.

As a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, Costello has secured funds to build a new Clark

Bridge near Alton; obtained legislative approval to create a new national set-aside program to promote joint-use aviation; secured design funds to extend a light-rail line from East St. Louis to the Scott Base area; and obtained funding to continue work on the new Melvin Price Locks and Dam on the Mississippi River.

While serving on the Science, Space and Technology Committee, he has stressed improved science and math education and has pushed for more research in clean-coal technology. He has continued use of high-sulfur Illinois coal, called "an abundant and vital state resource."

Costello also is a member of the Select Committee on Aging and has opposed efforts to reduce Medicare funding.

He has co-sponsored legislation, taking the Social Security Trust Fund "off budget," while supporting measures to provide



Rep. Jerry Costello  
... guest speaker

long-term health care protection for the elderly.

## House burns after three kids play with matches

A fire to a vacant house on Lee Avenue Wednesday afternoon was caused by three youngsters playing with matches.

The blaze at 2344 Lee Ave. began at 4:50 p.m. May 1. Police said a 12-year-old boy who lives in the 1600 block of East 23rd Street found a book of matches while playing in the vacant building.

A nine-year-old boy who resides in the 2200 block of Lee took the matches from the older boy and ran outside with them. When the first boy gave chase, the nine-year-old threw them to the ground.

The 12-year-old picked up the matches, and the two boys, along with the nine-year-old's brother, age 11, re-entered the building and went to the basement.

Once in the basement, the boys set fire to a stack of old magazines on a shelf. The oldest boy knocked the magazines to the floor where the fire spread to some outside doors. As the fire began to grow, they attempted unsuccessfully to put it out.

The 11-year-old found a five-gallon bucket of liquid and threw it on the fire, causing it to accelerate. The liquid apparently was paint thinner, authorities said.

The boys escaped without injury, but Fire Chief Jerry Wallace said it took the department approximately two hours to extinguish the blaze, which had traveled up the walls and into the attic.

Wallace said officials were having difficulty locating the owner of the house, Virginia Jones. Damage to the building was estimated at \$15,000.

## Ex-jailer seeking to withdraw guilty plea

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A former Madison County jailer's attempt to have his guilty plea withdrawn on drug and weapon charges has been continued until the end of the month.

Richard King, 43, of Venice was to appear before Circuit Judge A.A. Matosian on Tuesday but the hearing was delayed until May 31 due to a clerical error in court records.

King was suspended and eventually fired from the Madison County jail staff following his conviction for selling crack cocaine to an undercover agent in 1989. He had worked at the jail for eight years.

His intensive probation from that charge was revoked after a May 21, 1990, incident that resulted in the additional charges. King then was sentenced to five years in a state prison on the 1989 charge.

On Jan. 5, Matosian sentenced King to five years in pris-

on for unlawful possession of a firearm, the sentence to run concurrently with a six-year sentence for possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

Matosian ruled that that sentence was to run concurrently with the previous five-year sentence.

The 1990 charges were filed after a Madison County sheriff's deputy recognized King while investigating a fight call in the 1900 block of Douglas Street in Venice shortly after 4 a.m. May 21.

King admitted to the deputy that he was in violation of a 7 p.m. curfew and he was subsequently arrested.

At the time of his arrest, King was wearing a gun in a shoulder holster. A search of his auto revealed a felt Crown Royal liquor bag which contained several small bags of cocaine.

Additional charges of armed violence and unlawful possession of more than 15 but less than 100 grams of cocaine in that incident were dismissed.

## Man beaten on head with pipe, another arrested

### Granite City

#### Arrested for cannabis

David W. White, 31, of Highland was arrested at 12:30 a.m. April 30 and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis.

Officers said they saw White and three others sitting in an auto on a parking lot at 1539 Madison Ave. Upon investigation, police recovered a partially smoked hand-rolled cigarette from the car.

White is reported to have then produced a bag containing cannabis and handed it to an officer. He was charged on a state complaint.

#### Car marred, man nabbed

John L. Bovinett, 41, of the 2500 block of Washington Avenue was arrested at 10:21 a.m. April 30 and charged with criminal damage to property. He is alleged to have scratched the paint on a black 1989 Dodge Dynasty auto parked on the Magna Bank parking lot, 1960 Edison Ave., while the car was occupied.

He was later located at the YMCA, 2001 Edison Ave., and was taken to the scene, where he was identified. Bovinett was lodged pending \$102 cash bail.

#### Burglar gets recorder

Sandra Barnett, 40, of the 2000 block of Missouri Avenue reported a \$350 video cassette recorder was taken from her home by a burglar April 29.

#### Home burglar escapes

Becky Vasiloff, 36, of the 2400 block of Washington Avenue reported that about \$300 worth of clothing and \$5 in cash were taken from her residence at 1:15 a.m. April 30. She said her daughter was awakened by a noise and informed her someone was in the residence. The burglar escaped without being identified. Entry to the home apparently was gained through a window.

#### Auto damaged, looted

Richard Medder, owner of A's Used Cars, 1733 Madison Ave., reported a window valued at \$75 was broken on a 1987 Plymouth Horizon on the lot between April 27

and 29. A \$150 Pioneer stereo was taken, and damage to the dashboard of the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

#### Parked auto damaged

Darla Hance, 30, of the 2900 block of Willow Avenue told police her blue 1990 Chevrolet Lumina was damaged while on a parking lot in the 900 block of Niedringhaus Avenue at about 10:30 p.m. April 29. Damage was estimated at \$420.

#### 4th burglary reported

Jamie Kashinsky, 73, of the 1400 block of Madison Avenue told police someone entered her apartment and took a coin purse containing \$45 cash while she took her dog for a walk between 1:20 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. April 30. Kashinsky said it was the fourth burglary of her apartment in the past two weeks, resulting in a total of \$250 taken.

#### Stereo stolen from car

Ron R. Allen, 26, of the 1800 block of Primrose Avenue reported someone entered his locked car the night of April 29-30 and took a \$60 stereo and a \$75 power booster.

#### Parked car burglarized

Greg Mangiaracino, 18, of the 1700 block of Venice Avenue told police a \$300 stereo was taken from his locked auto the night of April 29-30.

#### Door, frame damaged

Jerry Vangilder, 23, of the 2100 block of Lee Avenue said someone forced open a door on his residence between 6 p.m. and 10:17 p.m. April 29, causing damage estimated at \$100 to the door and \$100 to the door frame. Nothing was reported missing from the home.

#### Auto window shattered

Rochelle Huffman, 34, of the 1400 block of Norwood Drive reported an unknown person shattered the driver's side window,

worth \$110, on her auto while it was parked in front of her residence between 9:45 p.m. April 28 and 8 a.m. April 29.

#### Brick breaks window

Honora Blackwell of the 2200 block of Ohio Avenue reported a plate glass window worth \$500 was broken with a brick at a vacant building in the 2000 block of State Street between 5:45 p.m. April 28 and 9 a.m. April 29.

#### Varied tools missing

Edward D. Sullivan, 31, of the 2600 block of Washington Avenue reported \$712 worth of assorted tools were taken from his garage early April 29.

#### Burglar steals mower

Alex F. Toth, 71, of the 2600 block of Edison Avenue reported a \$195 lawn mower was stolen from his garage early April 30.

#### Motorist, 14, arrested

A Granite City juvenile was arrested at 4 p.m. April 22 and charged with obstructing a peace officer, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving without a valid driver's license.

The 14-year-old boy, who resides in the 2400 block of Wilson Avenue, allegedly struck a parked car in the 3100 block of Rodgers Avenue with his mother's red 1987 auto.

A witness identified the boy, who had reportedly taken his mother's car to a home on Rodgers to retrieve a pack of cigarettes.

When questioned by officers, the boy denied taking the car. He was released to his mother on a notice to appear in court.

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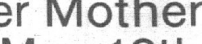
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## Plan would link 2 trails at bridge

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

MADISON — An area bicycle group is interested in getting the old Chain of Rocks Bridge to link bicycling trails between Illinois and Missouri.

First Ward Alderman Andy Economy asked Mayor John Bellicoff at Tuesday's aldermanic meeting if any such group had talked with the city about the city's unused Mississippi River bridge.

"We've had this one group bugging us and we've referred them to Illini Carrier. We can't give it to them," Bellicoff said. The city in 1967 agreed to a 20-year lease of the bridge by Illini Carrier, a gas pipeline company. The firm was intending to install a pipeline across the bridge.

Gateway Trailnet is a non-profit group based in the St. Louis area. Madison City Comptroller Rich Tutka said.

Its overall goal is to link the Katy Trail across the river with the Vandalia Bike Trail from Alton to Pere Marquette Park and the Brussels area, Bellicoff said.

A second option is to tie the Missouri trail with the bicycle path and trail leading from the Pontoon Beach area to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"It's a neat idea, a great plan, but unfortunately it is a non-profit group that wants to do it," Tutka said.

"If they could come up with the funding, maybe the city or Illini Carrier would be willing to talk with them," he said Friday. Tutka said that, while driving near Hermann, Mo., he has seen a bike trail alongside Missouri Highway 94.

"I believe that's the one they want to connect to the River Road trail over here," he said.

"There is some talk about making the bridge a historical landmark and (talk) that it provides a great view. But we're not going to give anything

away," Bellicoff said at Tuesday's council session. Additional precautions to stop young people from using the bridge as a "hang out" for parties recently were taken because of the deaths on April 4 of Julie Kerry, 20, and her sister, Robin, 19, of north St. Louis County. Julie's body was found last month in the Mississippi River about 200 miles south of St. Louis. Robin's body has not yet been recovered. Suspects in the crime are in custody.

In other action at the council meeting, Health Inspector Grover Brannan reported making 70 calls in the past two weeks. He tagged 12 derelict cars, had eight cars removed and found two unsecured refrigerators, he said.

Assistant Building Inspector Charles H. Johnson Jr. recommended condemnation of a residence at 816 Jefferson St. The council approved his demolition request on a motion by 4th Ward Alderman Norris Brown, seconded by 4th Ward Alderman Charles Rockett.

Johnson said the one-story frame structure with an attached garage is single-family dwelling. The last known owner was Clerton Kindel of Fort Washington, Md.

The property is in deteriorated and unsightly condition and presents an eyesore and safety hazard to the neighborhood, Johnson said.

Extensive repairs or replacement are needed on the exterior of the house, including siding, windows, doors and the front porch. The interior needs a great deal of work on the walls, doors, floors, plumbing and wiring, Johnson said.

The late Larry DeDeaux, who was the assistant building inspector, had talked with the owner on several occasions, it was reported.

Overall cost of materials and labor required to restore the house to meet Madison Housing Code 885 would exceed the estimated value of the dwelling, Johnson said.

## Girls Scout golf tourney set

The River Bluffs Girl Scout Council will hold its second annual Girl Scout Golf Tournament on Monday, May 20, at the Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course in Alton.

Proceeds will go to capital improvements on camp properties.

Tournament Chairman Ralph Korte has been working with a committee of 20 volunteers to coordinate efforts in the council's five-and-one-half county jurisdiction. He expects the tournament to draw participants

throughout the Metro East. The four-person scramble, best ball position event will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. The entry fee of \$150 per person covers green fees, electric cart, dinner, refreshments and competition for an array of prizes.

Prizes will be awarded that evening at the dinner for winning places, closest-to-the-pin and attendance. In addition, a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit will be presented to anyone making a hole-in-one on the 17th hole.



(Staff photo by Pam Doeppke-Hurd)

**GIGGLES, GIGGLES:** Friends Angelisa Williams, left, and Alaina Long enjoy themselves during an assembly at Blair Elementary School, Madison, where they are third graders. The girls had participated in a Chapter One patriotic program of singing and reciting poems for fellow schoolmates and parents.

## Plant's contaminated soil may be sent to New Jersey

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A couple of truckloads of contaminated soil from the former Jennison-Wright plant may soon be headed for New Jersey.

Steve Davis of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said CDM Federal Program Corp., a private research firm based in Fairfax, Va., has been looking at the Jennison-Wright site as a source of research material. He said the research firm is under contract with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to study and test various types of remedial treatment of contaminated soil.

"They're looking for a soil with a certain percentage of clay and a certain type of contaminants and, right now, it looks like Jennison-Wright has what they need," Davis said.

The Jennison-Wright site here was used as a wood-treatment plant from the early part of this century until last year. A number of the chemicals used in treating wood, including

creosote, are now believed to cause cancer in humans.

The West 22nd Street site, listed by the IEPA as contaminated, is on the agency's cleanup list, but Jennison-Wright has filed for bankruptcy in federal court.

The IEPA said its share of the assets will total less than a million dollars, not enough to pay for the entire cleanup. Davis said that, if preliminary tests confirm that the Jennison-Wright soil fits its needs, CDM will ship several truckloads of the soil to its laboratory facilities in New Jersey.

He said CDM will also take some uncontaminated soil from an industrial site nearby to serve as a control for the experiments.

"Really, it has nothing to do with the actual remedial cleanup," Davis said. "But we will get data from their research, very expensive data, that will be very helpful."

He said the bankruptcy money is barely expected to cover the cost of studying the plant site. As a result, Davis said, it is unlikely that the Jennison-Wright

property will be cleaned up any time soon.

"I wish I could tell you differently, but I'm not going to lie to you," Davis said. "We've gotten our check from the bankruptcy court, but it seems like there's no way we can get to it and spend it. It's been that way since Christmas."

Davis said the IEPA is attempting to put together the paperwork needed to get authorization for the Jennison-Wright money.

But because Illinois got both a new state comptroller and a new state treasurer in the last election, Davis said, his department has found itself dealing with all new people.

"It's just been really, really slow," he said. "If you can help us make things move faster, please do. It's not going to get any cheaper to clean it up in the future."

## Bi-State, county see differences

EDWARDSVILLE — In projecting its budget deficit for next year, the Bi-State Development Agency transit system is understating by \$1 million the amount of money Madison County chips in.

The discrepancy could help soften possible layoffs that have been considered because of Bi-State's projection of a \$6 million deficit, Madison County Transit District Managing Director Jerry Kane said.

But a Bi-State spokesman said there is no mistake. Madison County officials are looking at different numbers, spokesman Tom Sturgess said.

Kane said he and transit board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer met with Bi-State Executive Director John Leary and pointed out the apparent discrepancy.

Kane said Bi-State's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 shows the Madison County district will pay \$1.6 million for Bi-State bus service.

Actually, the district will pay Bi-State about \$2.6 million, Kane said. He said he was unaware of any error and there has been no formal response from Bi-State, Kane said.

Sturgess said there will be a written response this week.

He said preparation of Bi-State's budget began in January. The Madison County district planned to cancel some Bi-State services by the end of June, he said.

Subsequently, some of the service cuts have been postponed until the end of August, Sturgess said. He said the result is that the county district will pay Bi-State more than earlier projected.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Correction

In an article appearing in the April 28 edition of the *Press-Record/Journal*, we mistakenly reported the city "executive department's total staff payroll" rose from \$201,130 in fiscal year 1987 to \$364,638 in FY 1991, an increase of 81 percent.

In actuality, it was the "executive department's total budget" that increased by those figures. The mayor's staff salaries increased from \$15,930 to \$61,551, or 386 percent, in that time period. We regret the error.

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## Briefly

## Weekend carnival in Venice

The Venice Lions Club is planning a four-day Memorial Day Weekend carnival and picnic at Lee Park in Venice. The community event will begin Thursday, May 30, and continue through Sunday, June 2.

"It will be the biggest carnival ever to hit Venice, with rides for all age groups," said Earl W. Hogan, a Lions member and project chairman.

The club is now renting booths for food and games, Hogan said. For the four-day fair, booths will cost \$35 each. A 10-by-10-foot space also may be rented at a cost of \$35 for the four days. The deadline for booth rental is May 24.

For additional information, booth rental and advance tickets for rides at discount prices (40 cents off), Hogan can be called at 451-7008.

## Show to feature racing

Granite City community access cable television channel 18 has added two new programs, "Story Time" and "Winner's Circle," to its regular schedule.

"Story Time" is a 20-minute production of the Granite City Public Library. Andrea Miller, children's librarian, will present a variety of selected readings. The show will air Thursdays at 4 p.m.

"Winner's Circle" is an automobile racing show featuring local winged sprint, late model and stock car racing from area dirt tracks. The show, hosted by Doug Jenkins and Scott Parrot, will air Thursdays at 6 p.m. throughout the racing season.

## Free skin-cancer screening

Because of America's fascination with the great outdoors, authorities say skin cancer is growing at an alarming rate. In 1991, more than 450,000 skin cancer cases will be diagnosed. If diagnosed early, almost 99 percent are curable.

The Edwardsville YMCA in conjunction with St. Elizabeth Health Services will conduct a free skin cancer screening on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, the Edwardsville YMCA can be called at 656-0436.

## Principal to speak

Units 1, 2 and 3 of the Madison County Retired Teachers Association will have their annual spring meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, at the Cornucopia Buffet, Cottonwood Mall, Glen Carbon.

Dr. Leonard Van Camp, professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will be the vocal soloist, Ed Hightower, principal of Eunice Smith School in Alton, will be the speaker. The cost of the luncheon is \$7 and reservations are due by May 6 at 344-2854 or 654-6651.

## Craft fair for DARE

A craft fair to benefit the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program will be held Saturday, May 11, at the Granite City Township Building, 2060 Delmar Ave.

The fair, featuring more than 50 crafters selling handmade items, will open at 9 a.m. and last until 4 p.m.

All profits go to help finance the DARE program in Granite City's public and parochial schools.

Crafts to be featured include personalized shirts, lace collars, silk and dry flower arrangements, baskets, lace beans, Barbie clothes, wood shelves, tables, tile painting, yard ornaments, grapevine wreaths, fans, needlepoint, knitted items, what weaving, floral hats, ceramics, dolls, stuffed animals, potpourri, summer pots, quilts and pillows.

## Benefit barbecue to help center

The Phoenix Crisis Center of Madison County, a not-for-profit agency located in Granite City providing shelter and other services for victims of family violence and other emergency situations, is sponsoring its annual benefit barbecue on Saturday, May 18, at the Bellemore Village Shopping Center in Granite City.

Pork steaks dinners and sandwiches will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the parking lot of the shopping center, located at Nameeki and Johnson roads, which is home to Glik's Department Store. Dinners are \$4 and include a pork steak, baked beans and your choice of potato salad or cole slaw. Sandwiches are available for \$2.50.

All proceeds from the barbecue benefit the Phoenix Crisis Center in Granite City. For information about the barbecue or the service of the Phoenix Crisis Center, call 451-1008.

## Venice Township reassessment begins

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

MADISON — Those strangers roaming around Venice Township could be field workers from the office of Madison County Supervisor of Assessments Robert A. Harris.

Called from residents reporting "people roaming around town," prompted an inquiry to Harris' office and the reply that county field crews are working in the township.

Mayor John Belloff of Madison said a lot of questions are being asked, including why the assessment activity is occurring now.

A new property assessment has not been made since Margaret Bideberger retired as township assessor, Belloff said.

According to Illinois revised statutes, the supervisor of assessments office is responsible for conducting a reassessment every four years or assisting the local assessing authority in making a reassessment, Harris said.

"At this point in the data collection, it is difficult to determine the outcome of the reassessment. However, I will inform you as soon as this information is compiled," he said.

Madison City Comptroller Rich Tutka said many protests were lodged when the results of the

last assessment were compiled more than three years ago.

Tutka said that, although assessment of his personal residence didn't change much since the last assessment period, adjustments were made to the fair market value of other real estate in the township.

Some valuations did increase because the property was either undervalued previously or a better property assessment was made, he said.

Madison's overall assessed valuation probably will increase due to new construction, including two new buildings constructed by Lanter Corp., Tutka said.

Third Ward Madison Alderman

Michael Vrabec said Tuesday he believes that property taxes should not increase, while the surcharge on the state income tax is in effect.

Belloff said the big issue before the Illinois Legislature is whether the temporary income-tax increase (surcharge) should continue.

School districts and municipalities benefit from the income-tax increase, which is due to expire June 30.

State legislators currently are considering whether to make the temporary income-tax increase permanent or approve a two-year extension.

## Retain all 10 associate judges, Bar urges

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois State Bar Association poll has recommended all 10 associate judges in the 3rd Judicial Circuit for retention.

The judges are up for reappointment, based on a vote by the circuit judges, to four-year terms beginning July 1.

The poll, which sought responses from lawyers who practice in the circuit, lists judges as strongly recommended, recommended, not recommended or strongly not recommended.

All of the 3rd Circuit's associate judges fell into the recommended (70 but less than 90) range. Lawrence Keshner had the circuit's highest summary score, 87.54, and George Filcoff, at 75.08, had the lowest.

The other summary scores are: Ellar Duff, 76.93; Wendell Durr, 79.71; Robert Hennessey, 80.39; Jonathan Isbell, 76.37; Gordon Maag, 85.99; Lola Maddox, 81.79; Michael Meehan, 82.63; and Daniel Stack, 83.32.

The poll consists of 21 questions divided into the six areas of judicial integrity, judicial impartiality, legal ability, judicial temperament, court management, and physical and mental health. In addition to the summary scores, the judges are also given a score for each area.

Filcoff's 70.10 for judicial integrity — 7.66 points below Duff's ninth place score in that area — was the circuit's lowest score in any area.

Keshner had the highest score in judicial integrity with 86.02, followed by Stack, 83.82; Maag, 81.41; Meehan, 80.77; Maddox, 80.70; Hennessey, 78.79; Durr, 78.75; and Isbell, 78.11.

The circuit's highest score in any area was Maag's 90.49 in legal ability — 3.39 points above the next high score in legal ability and more than 20 points higher than the lowest.

The other scores in legal ability were: Keshner, 86.90; Maddox, 83.52; Meehan, 82.55; Filcoff, 81.96; Stack, 80.61; Hennessey, 78.91; Durr, 75.74; Isbell, 70.94; and Duff, 70.36.

In judicial impartiality, Keshner had the high score, 86.32, followed by Stack, 83.74; Maddox, 81.47; Maag, 80.02; Durr, 79.67; Meehan, 79.27; Hennessey, 78.31; Isbell, 76.56; Duff, 75.70; and Filcoff, 72.16.

Keshner also had the high score for judicial temperament with 88.84. The other scores were: Stack, 86.84; Maag, 85.09; Meehan, 82.33; Durr, 81.33; Hennessey, 81.06; Maddox, 79.09; Duff, 78.28; Isbell, 76.84; and Filcoff, 72.57.

Stack had the high score for physical and mental health with 90.46. The other scores were: Keshner, 90.20; Maag, 89.49; Meehan, 86.48; Durr, 85.56; Hennessey, 84.88; Maddox, 83.95; Duff, 83.34; Filcoff, 82.81; and Isbell, 79.96.

In the area of court management, Maag had the high score with 89.23. The other scores were: Keshner, 88.01; Meehan, 85.50; Maddox, 83.03; Hennessey, 82.05; Durr, 80.12; Duff, 79.06; and Filcoff, 74.04.

The results of the poll are sent to circuit judges for their consideration before they vote.

"Although the public does not vote to retain associate judges, we feel it is important that the public is aware of the performance of these public officials," said Stanley L. Tucker, a Carthage attorney who chairs the association's committee on judicial polls.

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## Haine won't comply with judge's ruling

EDWARDSVILLE — State's Attorney William Haine will continue to publicly file criminal charges involving AIDS, despite a judge's order.

Reversing his earlier stand, Haine said he would not comply with an order by Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson.

In a suit brought by KSDK-TV, Channel 5, Ferguson held the media violated the state's AIDS Confidentiality Law when they reported the identity of a suspected prostitute charged with criminal transmission of the AIDS virus.

Other area news media, including the Alton Telegraph, have identified Felicia A. Horton, 21, of Alton, KSDK, which has not named her or shown her photo, asked Ferguson for permission to do so.

Ferguson said using Horton's name was a violation of the confidentiality law and could lead to times.

Haine said he had concluded that he was compelled by law to identify criminal defendants.

"It's my opinion that I must file a public charge," Haine said. "My marching orders are in the criminal code."

That code requires that defendants be identified by their names, if known, or by physical descriptions if their names are not known, Haine said.

He said he did not believe the confidentiality law was intended to prohibit a state's attorney from publicly filing criminal charges.

Haine added that a charge that someone knowingly transmitted HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, or attempted to spread the disease, must allege that the suspect carries the virus.

Haine also said he has no plans to prosecute news organizations for publishing the Alton woman's name.

"I'm not going to be prosecuting members of the news media for publishing what is public information," he said.

Haine said he had written Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris asking for a formal opinion on identification of such defendants.

A spokesman for Burris said there would be no comment until a formal opinion is given to Haine. The spokesman could not say how long that might take.

Haine earlier had called the ruling a "dangerous precedent." The public, he added, has the right to know the identity of anyone criminally charged with attempting to transmit the fatal

condition.

"Do we wish to have, in the long run, a criminal code done secretly?" he said. "Reporters have to be allowed in a courtroom. It's to serve the interest of the people."

"I just think it's a wrongheaded application of the statute."

Multimedia KSDK Inc., operators of the TV station, filed a lawsuit last week asking Ferguson's permission to release Horton's identity. Channel 5 news broadcasts have concealed the woman's identity by a computer-generated distortion of her face in videotape footage and by not using her name.

"I can't think of a dumber suit in my time," Haine said.

Ferguson ruled that continued violation of the confidentiality law may subject organizations releasing her identity to monetary damages.

Any organization negligently violating the law may be fined \$1,000, and anyone intentionally breaking the law may be fined \$5,000.

"The act is intended to protect the privacy of these individuals who are tested for HIV and to encourage others to undergo such testing," Ferguson wrote. He declined to comment on the ruling.

Madison County Public Defender John Rekowski, who represents Horton, applauded the decision.

"I think the judge's ruling was a correct ruling," Rekowski said.

"The only news media who has read the AIDS Confidentiality Law was KSDK, who acted very responsibly," he said.

"At this point," Rekowski said Monday, "I do not anticipate there will be any challenge to the order."

Horton has agreed to be quarantined rather than face criminal prosecution and is being treated at an undisclosed facility.

The ruling may also affect a similar case involving Kay Horton, a 33-year-old Alton prostitute who was ordered by the court to take an AIDS test.

Madison County Associate Judge Wendell Durr last week ordered her to remain in jail until she takes a test for AIDS.

— From the Alton Telegraph



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

**TAKING OATH OF OFFICE:** Alderman-elect Juanita Crawley is sworn in by City Clerk Bob Stevens on Tuesday. Crawley, who will represent the 1st Ward, will not be present due to a prior commitment when other newly-elected aldermen are sworn in this week. Crawley defeated incumbent Frank Scarsdale in the April 2 election.

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## Former addicts sought for Venice talent show

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

Former drug addicts and alcoholics who can sing, play a musical instrument or have other talents are invited to participate in a talent show this summer.

The outdoor show will be staged in Venice under sponsorship of Project Cleanup.

Project Cleanup is spearheaded by a group of volunteer ministers and others dedicated to helping addicted persons and educating young people about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

The Rev. John Henry Williams, chairman, and the Rev. O.V. Carter, founder of Project Cleanup, said former drug addicts and alcoholics who "have been delivered from their deadly addictions and have been given another chance in life" are sought as entertainers for the talent show.

"If you are able to feel good about life again, we want you to help us spread the message to

youths in our community. That message is — drugs and alcohol are a quick way to the graveyard," Williams said.

"One of the best teachers is the one who has experienced the hell pits of drugs and alcohol and has been delivered from it and is now enjoying life as the good Lord planned for us."

"You will be our super star, because you have been delivered and are able to help someone else before they start on that path," Williams added.

Persons willing to participate in the talent show, which is being scheduled for June or July, are asked to call Williams

at 432-5124; Carter at (314) 389-9505; the Rev. Matthew Turner, 271-0808; the Rev. E. Hill, 386-0525; or the Rev. Jimmie Wiggins, 386-7934.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, May 15.

Persons interested in the program also may write to Project Cleanup at: P.O. Box 113, Venice, Ill. 62290; P.O. Box 22542, St. Louis, Mo. 63147; or P.O. Box 1269, East St. Louis, Ill. 62207.

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## Free bus rides will be offered to Alton event

Madison County Transit Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer has announced that the agency will be providing free public transportation this year to the annual Fireworks on the Mississippi Festival in Alton on July 3-4.

The two-day, family-oriented fair is being held at Alton Riverfront Park and will feature food, entertainment and family fireworks displays in celebration of Independence Day.

"The Transit District is very pleased to be able to sponsor transportation services to and from the fireworks festival," Hagnauer said. "The festival committee very graciously contacted us in plenty of time this year to be able to present the request to the MCT board for approval and schedule the vehicles and staff to accommodate the event."

"The festival is an excellent opportunity to provide a family-oriented atmosphere for area residents. We encourage everyone to attend," Hagnauer said.

"The festival also helps promote the Greater Alton Area to visitors. The Transit District has

always strived to maintain an active role in promoting the economic growth of the region. By sponsoring the festival, we are successfully fulfilling our responsibilities to the residents of Madison County."

For the past few years, MCT had sponsored the free VP Fair Shuttle at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Gateway Arch fairgrounds during the Fourth of July celebrations in Downtown St. Louis. This year, however, the VP Fair will not be held in July; it has been scheduled for September.

"The lack of conflicting dates between the Alton and VP fairs has made it much easier for MCT to devote its attention solely to the success of the Alton festival," Hagnauer said.

MCT will provide free bus rides from designated parking areas around Alton to and from the fairgrounds on the riverfront. The buses will help ease traffic congestion and provide the public with alternative parking solutions, since parking on the riverfront will be greatly restricted during the festival.

## Library has videos available

The Children's Department of the Granite City Public Library District now has a collection of videos available for checkout at the main library, 2001 Delmar.

These videos, which can be

charged out on a child's card, include fairy tales and Disney favorites. There is no fee for checking out these videos. For more information, contact the library at 452-6238.



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

**PLANTING SEASON:** Mary Nowicki plants geraniums at the entrance to the Oaklawn Terrace subdivision. Nowicki has been beautifying the entrance for the past eight years and collects donations from the residents of the subdivision for the plants.

## Retiring teachers span 75 years in profession

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

VENICE — Two educators in Venice School District 3 will retire at the end of the current school year.

Mrs. Sina Mullins Reeves and Mrs. Johnny Scott Morris, veterans with a combined total of 75 years in the teaching profession, will retire on June 1.

The Venice Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff will honor the two women at a retirement reception on Friday, May 10, at 3:30 p.m. in the Venice School Gymnasium.

Those planning to attend the reception are asked to call Gusie Glasper at the office of School Supt. Robert Vickers, 451-7963.

Mrs. Reeves is retiring after 41 years of teaching. She began her career in 1948 at Manassas Elementary School in Memphis,

Tenn., where she taught fifth grade for four years.

She began teaching this grade in the Venice schools in 1954 and has remained in the teaching position for the past 37 years.

Mrs. Morris has taught home economics for the past 25 years in the Venice schools.

She started her teaching career in 1961 at the Montgomery High School in Lexington, Tenn., as a part-time librarian and English teacher.

In 1967, she began her career in Venice as a sixth grade teacher at Lincoln School in Venice.

During her 34 years in the Venice district, Mrs. Morris has taught kindergarten and some fifth and eighth grade classes.

Both teachers are highly regarded for their dedicated service to the youth of the community, officials said.

## Benefit yard sale at speedway

Classic Country 55 KUSA and Tri-City Speedway are holding a benefit yard sale at the speedway Saturday, May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will feature everything from cars to boats, wood carvings and collectibles. Food and beverages will be available.

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# State budget cuts may force job loss at Cahokia Mounds

By Ellen Drenkhahn  
Correspondent

COLLINSVILLE — Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site may be able to keep its doors open seven days a week but some employees may still lose their jobs because of cuts in the Historic Preservation Agency budget.

On less than 24 hours notice, the agency had to slash \$15.3 million from its budget back in March in an effort to comply with Gov. Jim Edgar's plan to balance the state budget.

The planned cutbacks originally called for labor reduction and shortened hours of operation at all 50 sites and memorials throughout the state.

But since that initial shuffle, David Blanchette, spokesman in the agency's Springfield office, said the plan has been revamped.

"Originally, we thought we would have to close the doors at all of our historic sites two days a week. Under the revised plan, we will remain open seven days a week from March through October. During the months of

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—David Blanchette

November, December, January, and February — typically slower months — we will operate five days a week at nine of our least attended facilities," Blanchette said.

He said Cahokia Mounds would remain open seven days a week throughout the year because it is one of the top four sites in attendance.

In 1990, the site entertained 502,407 visitors. The interpretive center was completed in 1989, at a cost of \$8.2 million.

Other changes in the proposal include the reduction of special events and services, plus the layoffs. Blanchette said the number of layoffs and the facilities affected by the labor reduction have not been made public.

"Given more time to look at all of the proposals, we decided that the best alternative to trim our budget would be in the area of special events. We just felt it was more important to keep the facilities open so that visitors would have access to them," Blanchette said.

The plan, which hinges on approval by the state legislature, jumped its first hurdle earlier this week.

Blanchette said that the first hearing on the proposed budget was held Tuesday before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"There were no objections raised concerning our budget, so we are hopeful that it will fly. But the next step in the process is a hearing before the House Appropriations Committee before coming to the floor. The legislature has until midnight, June 30, to meet their deadline, but we all know how that goes," Blanchette said.



(Staff photo by Bob Slate)

**LAW DAY AWARD:** Jim Bivens, right, receives the Liberty Bell award from Ron Slemmer, left, chairman of the Madison County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award committee, at a Law Day breakfast at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City on May 1. Recipients exemplify the sacrifices made to protect the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Bivens, a retired Illinois State Police detective, now runs Bivens Investigation Service in Caseyville. Slemmer cited several of Bivens' investigations that helped to prove the guilt or innocence of persons accused of crimes.

## School to receive federal grant for asbestos removal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellville, has announced that four area schools will receive federal assistance to finance the removal of asbestos from educational facilities.

"These federal funds are essential to assist local schools with the removal of hazardous asbestos from the buildings," Costello said. "It is extremely important that materials determined to be a potential hazard to the health of students and teachers be safely removed from these schools."

The four area schools to receive federal assistance are: St. Peter and Paul School in Collinsville, a \$180,000 federal grant and a \$180,000 federal loan.

St. Elizabeth School in Granite City, a \$180,000 federal grant and a \$180,000 federal loan.

Mater Dei High School in Breese, a \$51,521 federal grant.

Our Lady Queen of Peace School in Belleville, a \$551,113 federal grant and a \$433,023 federal loan.

As part of the federal Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act of 1990, grants are distributed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to school districts that are facing problems removing asbestos from their facilities.

The removal of asbestos was originally ordered by Congress in 1984 in a law that requires school districts to formulate plans to remove asbestos from local facilities.

"The 1984 law has proved burdensome for many school dis-

tricts which are trying to comply with laws requiring them to identify hazardous asbestos in their schools," Costello said.

The federal funds will be used to remove asbestos from classrooms, hallways, storage facilities, lavatories and other common areas in the schools. EPA notifies every school district early in the year regarding the asbestos abatement program and awards assistance based on several factors, including the severity of the asbestos problem within the schools.

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## Auxiliary holds Junior Conference

The annual Department Junior Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign, Ill., on April 27 and 28.

The meeting was conducted by Kristen Bauer of Cicero, Ill. Those attending heard a report that total contributions for 1990-91 from junior groups was \$1,006.

Nominations of officers of Honorary Junior Department president and vice president was given. Angela Zimmerman of New Douglas Unit 710 was nominated for president by Kirsten Yobby, 22nd District Junior president from Venice-Madison Unit 307. Two candidates for vice president were nominated: Kristi Kish of Columbia and Pauline Brewer of Byron.

A social time was held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Simon and Sabrina, a song team from Pocahontas, Ill., presented a musical program. Following this, a game session was held with each group bringing their own games. Prizes were awarded to many as winners. Swimming was enjoyed by all the girls until 11 p.m.

Sunday morning meeting began with a Vesper service at 9 a.m., followed by a graduation ceremony for girls reaching the age of 18 years and then becoming senior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. This was conducted by department President Helen Malanoski and assisted by other department officers.

Contest results for the department were then announced and 22nd district members winning awards were as follows:

Paper handwork — Contest One — honorable mention — Alhambra Unit 1147.

Handcraft — Contest Two — First Place — Columbia Unit 581.

Foreign Relations Doll Dressing — Class I — Honorable Mention — Katie Straub, Columbia; Class II — First Place — Kristi Kish, Columbia; Class III — First Place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas.

Foreign Relations Travelogue — Second Place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas. Americanism Picture Book on the Flag — Class One — Kristen Satterwaite, Alhambra — first place; Class Two — Dawn Wellman, Columbia — second place; Class Three — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas — second place.

Press Book — second place — Kristi Kish, Columbia. History — second place — Jennifer Lehr, Columbia. Poppy Poem — first place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas.

Poppy Corsage — Class I — second place — Cathy Moreland, Granite City; Class II — third place — Kristen Yobby, Venice-Madison. Floral Arrangement — Class I — first place — Dawn Wellman, Columbia; Class II — second place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas.

Poppy Tray Favor — Class I — honorable mention — Christine Ballard, Granite City; Class II — second place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas.

Poppy Hat — Class I — honorable mention — Cathy Moreland, Granite City; Class II —

second place — Angie Zimmerman, New Douglas.

There were 179 juniors attending the conference. Seniors and other guests were 136 with a total attendance of 315.

Stuffed toys were given to be taken to hospitals throughout Illinois for children during the summer. A total of 296 toys valued at \$1299.25 were presented to Mrs. Ruby Simpson, department children and youth chairman.

Voting was held for two officers with the winners being: Department Junior President — Angela Zimmerman of New Douglas Unit 710; and for Department Junior Vice President — Kristi Kish of Columbia Unit 581. Installation of officers was conducted by Department President Helen Malanoski for these two girls and the presentation of Past Junior President's pin to Kristen Bauer.

Following the adjournment and departure from Champaign, the Venice-Madison group visited the Rockome Gardens at Arcola, Ill.

Participating in the Conference from Venice-Madison Unit 307 were Amanda Foley, on the Distinguished Guest Committee; Reda Lindsey, as a page; Amy LaRose, on the Americanism Judging; and Kirsten Yobby, on the Poppy Judging. Others attending were Keri Menendez, Cindy Yobby, and Dorothy Hinson.

Attending from Granite City Unit 113 were: Christina Ballard, Alicia Coats, Rhonda Ballard, Chelsey Peery, Cathy Moreland, Amber Singleton, Kaleigh Perry, all junior members, and Carla Peery, Rose Moreland, and Connie Ballard, all senior members.



**YOUTHFUL CHORISTERS:** The Children's Choir of St. John United Church of Christ, directed by Mildred Hediger, take part in the Illinois South Conference Children's Choir Festival at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Waterloo on April 21. In the first row, left to right, are Emily Riggins, Rachel Mueller, Emily Douglas and Melissa Nitchman. Second row, from left: Joe Colyer, Rachel Wallace, Angie Morris, Karen Suess and Chuck Duckworth. Third row, from left: Sarah Luehmann, Matthew Reiter, Jessie Morris, Aaron Wright and Andy Ravanelli.

## Andrews DAR chapter discusses awards

The regular monthly meeting of the Drucilla Andrews Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution War at the home of Margaret Bell, with Marge Hilkner assisting as hostess.

Regent Linda Koenig opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The President General's Message was read by Emma Schoen. The message dealt with

the Centennial Continental Congress.

Awards were received from the Division VI director for the club's Centennial celebration, donations to veterans, Americanism and good citizenship and for bill of rights program, fund-raising, literary challenge and participating in the 100 percent perfect yearbook.

A program was given by

Marie Reinhardt. The topic was "Life at Academy," programs offered there and a typical day for the cadets. Some of the leaders who graduated there were mentioned, including Norman's Schwarzkopf.

Others attending the club meeting were Mae McCormick, Jane Vanesler, Audrey Sperry, Judi Schatz, Barbara Williams, Emma Schoen and a guest, Fern Sanders.

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## Niedringhaus UM presents appreciation certificates

The Administration Board of the Niedringhaus United Methodist Church held its April meeting in the Conference Room with Rev. Ralph A. Totten presiding in the absence of Robert Maxwell, chairman.

George Vogler, chairman of the trustees, presented a recommendation to replace the incandescent lights in the Educational Building with fluorescent lights as an economic measure.

Louise Potillo, president of the United Methodist Women, announced the Ladies Night Out dinner will be held on May 9. Tickets are now available.

Totten reported for the United Methodist Men. He stated that the turnout for the Saturday morning breakfasts has been good. The next one will be held on May 18. The Tri-City meeting recently hosted at Niedringhaus was also well attended, he said.

Speaking about missions, Dorothy Davis said on June 2 at 5:30 p.m., at Niedringhaus Church, a potluck will precede a program with Rick Newberry of the Red Bird Mission.

The Mission Council will meet every other month, with the new Evangelism Council meeting on the alternate months. Hopefully more people will be involved in the Mission School this summer, it was noted.

Plans for the Sunday School picnic are underway. Jerry Potillo reported this year's picnic will be held at Shelter 5 on Aug. 25. Vacation Bible School plans also are progressing.

The Sunday School teachers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation during the church service on Sunday, April 14, after which a Teacher's Appreciation Potluck was held in Wesley Hall. Both events were

very well received and attended.

Teachers receiving certificates were: Carol Jones, Terri Davis, Denis Burris, Gayla Westbrook, Kathleen Offit, Barbara Hall, Carolyn Jenkins, John Walter, Mark Keindorfer, Ann Bullock, Elizabeth Briggs, Bob Rouland, Fred Stutch, Jamie Hamrick, Stefanie Jacobs, Mike Loftus, Joan Mucho, Leona Cartwright and Jerry Potillo, superintendent of the Sunday School, and helpers for the Sunday School: Sharon Shaffer, Sunday School secretary, and Susan Keindorfer, youth coordinator.

Associate Pastor John Walter reported on his duties during the last two months. He has performed weddings, narrated the cantata and also worked with the youth, including the Confirmation Class which will graduate at a Confirmation Sunday, May 19. He is also directing the Crop Walk this year.

Totten reported current attendance has improved over last year and some new people are attending church. Plans are being made for a sermon to be given by Totten and Walter using a courtroom plan to put God on defense as to what He is doing as human beings.

The concept is an effort to help those who are facing personal tragedies and to help others understand and cope with future tragic events.

Others present at this meeting were: Richard Bills, Delton and Wanda Grothaus, Gladys and Preston Wallace, Clarence and Shirley Stallings, Dolores Vogler, Jim Loy, Bob Rouland, Leonard Gertich, Jean Maxwell, Jamie Hamrick, Dolores Allen, Lee Davis, Irvin Slate Sr. and Mary K. Grothaus.

The Administration Board will meet next on June 18.



FORE: Jim Engelke, left, of the Legacy Golf Club, and Dan Brown, right, local Senior Olympic chairman, discuss plans for the upcoming golf event to be held May 10.

## Senior Olympic Golf event Friday at Legacy

GRANITE CITY — The Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympic Golf event will be held Friday, May 10, at the Legacy Golf Club in Granite City, officials have announced.

This is the 13th Southwestern Regional Olympic games, but the first time an event has been held in Granite City," said Dan Brown, chairman of the event. "Prior to this year, the golf event was held at the American Legion Golf Course in Edwardsville. The Board wanted to take events to other areas, so the softball tournament was placed in O'Fallon and our fine, new Legacy Golf Course was selected for the golf event."

The golf event will run from 8 a.m. to noon 12 noon. Golfers will provide for medical care, 18 holes. Brown said the event normally attracts in excess of 80

participants.

Anyone age 55 and older may participate. The entry fee for the Senior Olympics, which entitles the participant to compete in several events, is \$12. Golfers are also responsible for green fees and an optional electric cart.

"We are looking forward to a great event," Brown said. "The course should be in superb shape and I encourage all seniors to come out and participate."

As a bonus, all golfers will be able to attend the awards dinner the evening of May 10 at Eden Village Senior Community in Edwardsville free of charge. The meal will feature prime rib and the Don James Big Band will provide music for dancing or information, call 692-3209 or 632-1323.

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Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered vegetable, garlic bread, fruit cup

Thursday - No school  
Friday - Barbecued rib on bun, corn, tater tots, fruit juice icy

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## Birthday celebrated

Anthony Paul Barrios, son of Ron and Shelly Barrios, celebrated his 1st birthday on April 19.

Those in attendance included: El Barrios, the honoree's brother; Jim and Charlene Pohlman and Matt and Elinda Barrios, grandparents; Sandy Mansfield, grandmother; Marge and Gene McKoy and Vivian and Bert Morrison, great-grandparents; and Della Maul, great-grandmother.

Also attending were LeAnn Mansfield, Pam Mansfield and Mel Conner, Kim Barrios, Scott, Chris, Daniel and Matthew Barrios, uncles, aunts and cousins; and Don, Linda and Nicki Bellman and JoAnn and Paul Conner.

## Buffalo Tro to highlight Park District trip

A Buffalo Tro will be the highlight of an overnight trip to Southern Illinois sponsored by the Granite City Park District on June 7 and 8.

Buffalo Tro is the unique method of grilling sirloin steaks over hot open coals in the ground, as the Indians used to do to buffalo meat. After cooking, the coals are scraped from the steaks and then bathed in drawn butter. They will be served with all accompaniments in the setting of Devil's Kitchen Point. After the meal, a live Blue Grass Band will entertain with dancing. This event will be on Friday evening after a day of other planned activities including tour of the Kerr McGee Coal Mine in Galatia, which will be a slide presentation and driving ground tour of the most modern and efficient coal mine in the nation. After the tour, lunch will be in Carbondale, which is also where the group will be spending Friday evening.

Saturday will begin with a free breakfast at the motel before journeying to Anna to the Walton Lamb Farm, where the owner and caretaker will conduct a tour. Lamb pelts and lamb meat will be available for purchase in case anyone wishes to do so.

After leaving the lamb farm, the motorcoach will drive through the Trail of Tears State Park, which is in the Shawnee Hill Country. Lunch will be at the famous Ma Hales Restaurant, which offers a family-style meal consisting of homemade rolls and cobbler along with home cooked fried chicken, ham, dumplings and all the trimmings. The restaurant is located in the small river town of Grand Tower, where the love story will be told of the Indian Maiden who ended her life at Tower Rock.

After lunch the next stop will be in DuQuoin at an exclusive waterfall collectibles display. The priceless private collection is the largest of its kind and is very tastefully displayed in a private home.

The last part of Saturday will be a ride through the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds with the high

light being a stop to tour the Governor's Mansion, which sets amidst the park.

The day will end at Wilson Park at approximately 6 p.m. The cost of the trip will be \$80.00 for one person in a room, \$66.35 each for a double room, \$61.50 each for a triple room and \$59.00 each for four to a room. This includes the room, bus, breakfast, Buffalo Tro, meal at

Ma Hales and waterfall/collectibles. Reservations may be made at the Wilson Park Offices on Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. Residents of the Park District have priority with each person able to make reservations for one room only. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list.

Call 877-3659 for additional information.

## Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were recently issued by Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles: Roy D. Connor and Kathie S. Gale, both of Granite City; Edwin E. Riggs and Cheryl L. Riggs, both of Granite City; Andrew Graham Jackson of Collinsville and Denise H. Niemeyer of Granite City; David Charles White of Granite City and Lisa Kay Neubauer of Troy.

David Ray Cavaness of Granite City and Carol Ann Hauk of Marine; Steve Charles Suddeth of Edwardsville and Rhonda Lynn McIntosh of Granite City; Geoffrey Glen Chaboud Jr. and Nicole Anne Gaudette, both of Granite City.

Daniel Lynn Cochran and Laura Ann Guillen, both of Granite City; Frank Leo Cramer and Kelley Maureen Papp, both of Granite City; Jeffrey Dennis Joyce and Kimberly Ann Dittich, both of Granite City.

Jeffrey Jay Locke of Marylane Heights, Mo., and Felicia Lynn Urieoste of Madison.

Robert E. Buecker, II and Valerie L. Mersinger, both of Granite City.

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## National officers visit post

Several national and state AMVETS officials recently visited Quad-City AMVETS Post 51. Among the guests were:

National AMVETS Commander Vaughn L. Brown of Pennsylvania; National AMVETS Auxiliary President Nita Cornell of Illinois; Illinois AMVETS Auxiliary President Anne Traynor; and Illinois AMVETS Commander R.W. "Burrhead" Lamkin.

A luncheon was served to the dignitaries and members of AMVETS Post 51 by the local auxiliary members.

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## Births

## Ryan Hays

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hays of Madison, are parents of a boy, born at 9:11 a.m. March 7, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Ryan Christopher Hays. He weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces.

The mother is the former Kriandra Hamilton. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Hays of Madison.

The couple has one other child, Heather Hays, 20 months.

## Dennis Patterson

Dennis and Johanna Patterson of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 8:07 a.m. on April 5, 1991, at Anderson Hospital.

The infant was named Dennis Patrick Jr. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces.

The mother is the former Patricia L. Tanksley. Maternal grandparents are Mary Tanksley and Sally and Dave Chepey of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Lester R. and Margie Patterson of Madison.

The couple has 2 other children, Patrick, 14, and Annise, 8.

## Robert Rayoum

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayoum of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 7:43 p.m. on April 6, 1991, at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

The infant has been named Robert Leroy Rayoum Jr. He weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces.

The mother is the former Lori Johnson. Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Betty Johnson of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ken and Sheila Rayoum of Granite City.

## Former residents see child baptized

Former Granite City residents Patrick and Patricia (Smith) Hogan, now residing in Indianapolis, Ind., announce the arrival and recent baptism of their daughter, Natalie Renee Hogan.

Baptism took place March 3 at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City with Pastor David Field officiating.

Natalie Hogan was born Jan. 15, 1991, in Indianapolis.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Norma) Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip (Marty) Hogan, all of Granite City.

## Erica Lynne Graf

Jennifer and Curt Graf of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 4:12 p.m. on April 1, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant was named Erica Lynne. She weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

The mother is the former Jennifer Brickman.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Nancy Graf of Granite City.

The maternal grandparents are Lynne Brickman of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Ed Brickman of Edwinstown.

## Richard Perigo Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perigo of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 8:33 a.m. on April 23, 1991, at Wood River Township Hospital.

The infant has been named Richard Edward Perigo Jr. He weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces.

The mother is the former Donna Tindall. Maternal grandparents are Ora and Ada Tindall of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Betty Perigo of Granite City.

## K. Phouangmalay

Mr. and Mrs. Kanh Phouangmalay of Madison are parents of a girl born at 7:18 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1991, at Wood River Township Hospital.

The infant has been named Kayla Lumpoe. She weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces.

The mother is the former Sherry Rippee. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Rita Elliott of Granite City and Robert and Helen Rippee of Belleville.

## Antoinette Young

Shelly Warren and Warner Young of Lovejoy and Venice, are parents of a girl born at 8:36 a.m. on April 22, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant was named Antoinette Renee Young. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces, she was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Marva Williams of Lovejoy.

Paternal grandparents are Mary and J.C. Baker of Godfrey.

The couple has two other children, Chantrez Reynolds, 7, and Shelleasia Young, 2.

## Paul Utley

David and Marketta Utley of Glen Carbon are parents of a boy born at 2:05 April 14, 1991, at Anderson Hospital.

The infant was named Paul David Utley. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

The mother is the former Marketta Lindsay. Maternal grandparents are George and Leona Lindsay of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are James and Jane Utley of Collinsville.

The couple has one other child, Hope, 3.

## Lynne Schaefer

Lynn and Lennie Schaefer of Granite City, are parents of a girl born at 2 p.m. on April 7, 1991, at Anderson Hospital.

The infant was named Lynne Schaefer. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces.

The mother is the former Lynn Osborne. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Helen Frakes of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Paternal grandparents are Leonard and Anni Schaefer of Granite City.

The couple has six other children, Shannon, 6; Stephanie, 10; Ted, 8; Derric, 3; Brittanee, 15 months.

## Hannah Graves

Devin and Robin Graves of Granite City are parents of a girl born 4:45 p.m. on March 28, 1991, at Anderson Hospital.

The infant was named Hannah Sue Graves. She weighed 7 pounds and 15½ ounces.

The mother is the former Robin Renee Smith. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Sue Smith of Jackson, Miss.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Myra Graves of Arkansas City, Kan.

## David Nichols

David and Stacey Nichols of Granite City, are parents of a boy born at 12:21 p.m. on April 11, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant was named Aaron David Nichols. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

The mother is the former Stacey M. Franklin. Maternal grandparents are Claude and Kathy Franklin of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Virginia Nichols of Granite City.

## Robert Rayoum

Lori and Robert Rayoum of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 7:43 p.m. on April 10, 1991, at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

The infant was named Robert Leroy Rayoum Jr. He weighed six pounds and 11 ounces.

The mother is the former Lori Johnson. Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Betty Johnson of Granite City.

Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Sheila Rayoum of Granite City.

## Nicholas Pearman

Yolonda and Jody Pearman of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 4:57 a.m. on April 10, 1991, at Anderson Hospital.

The infant was named Nicholas Ryan Pearman. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

The mother is the former Yolonda McCoy. Maternal grandparents are Lloyd and Barbara McCoy of Granite City.

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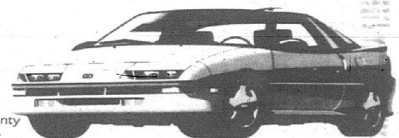
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# Resident home from Texas; Club welcomes back member

Maxine Duniphan covers the Mitchell area for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 331-2714.

Ruby Whitson of Harding Avenue returned to her Granite City home April 24 after wintering in the senior community at Lufkin, Texas, near Brownsville.

Dorothy Ashford of Dale Avenue is home from Barnes Hospital, where she underwent cataract surgery and a lens implant.



**Maxine Duniphan**

Margurite Warren of Warnock Street has been transferred from the Intensive Care Unit to the 4th floor, room 403, at Christian Hospital Northeast. There she is receiving progressive therapy

following a stroke.

Arlene Hickam of Lewis Street was the hostess for the April meeting of the Hills Terrace Birthday Club.

Members welcomed back long-time member Wandalee Ogden, who had been absent due to open-heart surgery. The group enjoyed a lovely brunch and several games of bingo.

Present besides the hostess and Wandalee were Karen Orr, Thelma Moreland, Opal Davis,

Jeri Schieb and a special guest, Betty McGennis. Those winning prizes were Ogden, Orr, and McGennis. Jeri Schieb will be the May hostess.

Morris W. Miles, Chouteau Township supervisor, is announcing that a rabies control clinic will be held Thursday, May 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chouteau Township Highway Garage, located at 366 Thorngate Dr. (at the rear of the Mid-West Motel) in Mitchell. Rabies vaccination and other disease preventive shots will be available at a nominal fee. All Chouteau Township residents are requested to take advantage of this service to protect your family and your pet.

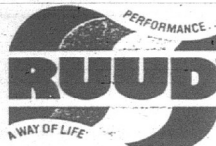
The cost for vaccinations are: rabies, \$10; distemper (DHCP), dog-\$13, cat-\$9; bordetella, \$8 (kennel shot).

The annual Earth Day celebration, which encourages the public

to work together to help clean up the environment, was well received by the Chouteau Township citizens.

The Township Highway Department received 260-plus calls from the citizenry for the pick up of unwanted items not picked up by the regular trash service trucks.

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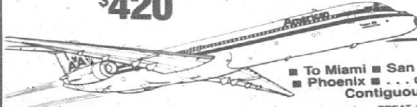


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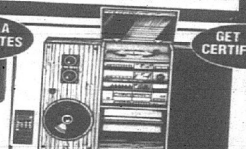
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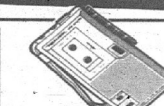
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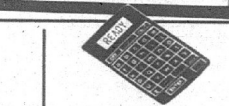


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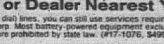
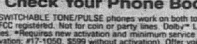
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## Obituaries

## •School

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the board would agree with any deal that didn't include the building.

He said that, after the property was conveyed, the result will be submitted to the board, which can then decide whether to put the property on the market by asking for bids.

Koberna said asbestos and other factors make the school building very expensive to demolish.

He said he couldn't see the board agreeing to make a few dollars on land only to spend that and more getting rid of the building.

The school has been closed for more than 10 years.

Last year, the Tri-City Area YMCA approached the school board and tried to work out a deal for the Nameoki School and surrounding property. But, Alan Orbals, a YMCA board member, said that deal was "completely dead."

Orbals, city economic development director, said the school district, in a letter to the YMCA board, turned down the "Y" proposal because the YMCA was proposing to make some payments with "in-kind services."

and the school district said it would not get its money's worth.

"I thought ours was a good plan," Orbals said. "And it was certainly better than leaving the building there to rot for 10 years."

"But I think (the school board) has an inflated idea of how much that property is worth. Well, I wish the board luck (selling it)."

Orbals agreed it shouldn't be too hard to sell the land behind the school for residential lots. But, he said, the Pontoon Road frontage will be very attractive to a commercial buyer.

"Maybe it will work out for (the school board)," Orbals said. "But I don't see how. It would have been a great property for the YMCA." Originally part of the former Nameoki School District, the big elementary school contains both an auditorium and a gymnasium. There has been some deterioration due to the structure being idle.

## •Henke

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the extra land will not be more than he can handle.

"Our motor fuel tax funds are basically spent for the next few years, anyway. We don't foresee too many new projects being initiated in the next few months, at least."

"We will continue with the major projects (improvements to Madison Avenue, West Pontoon Road and Nameoki Road) currently under way."

Henke is expected to move from his City Hall office to the new office in the townships building, 2060 Delmar Ave.

Portell's last day of work was Friday and a number of city employees, working at his office in the City Hall basement to wish him well and have their picture taken with him.

Cruse said the city will seek a replacement for Portell, but did not say if he had anyone in mind for the job at the present time.

Portell has been the safety director since May 1, 1979.

"In another move prompted by

the personnel shuffle, Matt Ozanich will assist new Superintendent of Streets Clayton "Jug" Harrison.

Ozanich was originally hired as a general inspector in November 1983, but was moved to the engineering department two years ago by Cruse. He has performed varied duties in the engineering department, since the move.

Ozanich is expected to assist Harrison in organizing priorities for the street department, a job Henke said has been neglected in recent years.

Harrison said he did not want to reveal his appointments as foreman until he had the opportunity to take office and address all department employees regarding his plans.

Also leaving city positions Tuesday will be 1st Ward Alderman Frank Scarsdale and 7th Ward Alderman Emerald Dawes. They will be replaced by Juanita Crawley and Sandra Crites, respectively, doubling the number of women aldermen.

## •Hike

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the current rate to \$1 at the new rate.

"It's really only pennies (to the consumer), but with the large number of purchases in the city, those pennies can add up to a significant amount of revenue for the city," the mayor said.

Alderman Walter Milton, chairman of the city's Finance Committee, also said the proposed increase would not scare shoppers away.

"The shopper who shops in Granite City is a dedicated hometown buyer, and will realize there is a certain need for the (additional) revenues to support city services," he said.

Milton said the mayor's recently announced proposals to balance the city budget, not news to any of the aldermen, as some have claimed.

"All of the mayor's proposals have been discussed at one time or another, at a council meeting or in a roundtable discussion on the city's financial condition," Milton said.

## •Day

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nies attended with family and friends.

Kishorebhai Patel of Collinsville attended the ceremonies alone. His wife, Hemlata, stayed home with his two young children — Chirag and new baby Neeti.

Patel left his native country of Zambia several years ago and has lived in Texas, where he attended West Texas State University. He moved to Collinsville four years ago and, together

with other members of his family, operates the Howard Johnson Motel in Collinsville.

"I do feel differently today than I did yesterday," said Patel.

"I did not have a difficult time in getting my papers processed as others have experienced. I knew what to expect, met the requirements, and everything went smoothly."

The featured speaker during the ceremonies was Dana King, news anchorwoman for KTVI Channel 2 in St. Louis.

## Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City area governmental taxing bodies

Nameoki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, May 6, Township Hall, 4206 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, May 6, Township Hall, 9200 Tringate Drive, Mitchell.

Madison School Board, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, Board Office, 1707 Fourth St., Madison (rescheduled from May 2).

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.

Venice School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, Board Offices, Broadway and Seventh Street, Venice.

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## Police raid home, charge man with drug production, possession

GRANITE CITY — The drug unit of the local police department, acting on a tip from a St. Louis County drug agent, broke up an alleged marijuana growing operation in the city Friday afternoon.

According to Capt. Dave Ruebhausen, the police department served a search warrant at a house in the 2900 block of Willow Avenue at 2:45 p.m. Friday. The warrant was issued about 3 p.m. by Madison County Associate Judge Robert Hennessey on information received from a St. Louis County drug unit regarding drug and weapon activity at the house, Ruebhausen said.

Seized in the search were several marijuana plants, a small

quantity of cannabis, a 38-caliber revolver, a 357-caliber Magnum and a .44-caliber Magnum. Paraphernalia used to grow marijuana, such as potting soil, a grow light and instructional materials on how to grow marijuana plants, also were seized, Ruebhausen said.

He stated an elaborate marijuana growing system had been set up in a shed adjacent to the house, as well as in the house.

Arrested was William J. Conner Sr., 24, of the Willow Avenue address. Conner was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful production of cannabis. Ruebhausen said Conner was also wanted for failure to appear warrants in Venice for

driving while his license was revoked, Madison County for criminal trespass to land and an Illinois State Police warrant also for driving while his license was revoked.

Ruebhausen said six officers manned two doors, three at each house upon entry. Four other officers were in the area to assist.

After entering the house, Ruebhausen said officers met with some resistance from a pit bull that attacked an officer. No serious injuries were reported, and the dog was subdued.

Conner was released after posting \$204 bail.

## Child pornography deliveries were set-up: Collinsville chief

By Ed Gurney  
Staff writer

Collinsville Police Chief David Niebur said Friday that someone sent films and photographs depicting child pornography to his house last summer in an apparent attempt to set him up for arrest.

Someone called the postal inspector's office anonymously about the same time in an attempt to have Niebur investigated for receiving the materials, Niebur said.

Niebur said he was making the incident public because the federal investigation into who sent the materials has stalled. He is offering a \$2,000 reward in the event the postal inspector's investigation leading to an arrest and conviction.

"I would very much like the people responsible for this to be apprehended," the chief said.

The films and photos were sent from Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The U.S. Customs Service has been investigating.

Under federal law, the first conviction of someone for ordering child pornography is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine, said Allan Severson, a U.S. Customs agent

in St. Louis.

The mere possession of such material is also a felony under Illinois law, Niebur said.

"Of course, I never ordered any of the material, didn't want to receive it and obviously believe someone was trying to set me up," Niebur said. "I don't care to speculate who that might be."

Niebur was in the center of a major controversy last year over control of the police department.

Niebur said he received the first film in the mail on Aug. 23. When he opened the package and discovered the film, he believed someone was trying to set him up.

"From the time I looked at (frames on) the film and got to my telephone, I was scared," Niebur said. "I knew immediately what was happening."

The U.S. postal inspector's office was called the next day to begin the investigation.

Niebur said it was learned the postal inspector had received an anonymous call prior to Aug. 23 from a man who said Niebur regularly receives child pornography. The man was calling long

distance from a pay phone. He said his sister had been picked up by Niebur at a bar and was brought to Niebur's house, where she was forced to watch a child pornography film and was then raped.

Niebur said the caller had to be sophisticated enough to know that the postal inspector's office would investigate the pornography delivery.

A second package, received Aug. 25, contained photos, Niebur said. Two additional packages received August 29 contained more films of child pornography.

Ten days after the first call was received by the postal inspector's office, it received an anonymous call from a woman claiming to be the victim of the alleged assault by Niebur. The woman inquired about the progress of the investigation.

Customs authorities determined the postage meter from a large, reputable hotel in Amsterdam had been used on the first two packages, Niebur said. The packages were apparently sent from a post office.

Niebur said he was told the return address on the packages was a youth hostel.

## Infant child care in short supply

Quality child care for infants and toddlers is in high demand but short supply. State regulations do not always ensure that a care provider will have adequate training and offer quality service, so it's up to parents to seek out the best care establishments that offer the best care to fit their needs.

The need for quality day care cannot be overstated. Infants and toddlers are our most vulnerable members of society. Unfortunately, the quality of child care is barely adequate in many, many cases.

While no two providers are alike, the best caregivers do tend to share certain qualities:

Perhaps the most important quality is a loving, positive interaction between caregivers and the children. Providers should be actively involved with the toddlers in talking, teaching and playing. They should help the children develop their interests, be responsive to their questions, encourage their independence, and guide, rather than control, their behavior.

The daily activities in the child

care center should be geared to the child's age, to encourage optimal development. Some activities should be initiated by the caregiver, others by the children.

Children will benefit from being active in both indoor and outdoor activities. The child-care provider should offer a wide variety of materials and activities.

The amount of space available for child care is also a consideration. Research shows that as space decreases, child aggression increases. Children also become less involved and less attentive.

The space should be adequate, but the size of the group should be small. The center should staff at least one caregiver for every three children to provide individual attention.

Just as important as the number of caregivers available, is the stability and reliability of the adults. High turnover in a child-care center is not a good sign. Research shows that those centers which paid staff the lowest salaries had the highest levels of

turnover among staff — and the poorer quality of care provided to children.

Children need consistent, reliable adults to relate with on a daily basis in order to thrive in the day-care environment.

The caregiver's qualifications are an important factor parents need to consider. Providers who have some training in early child development and several years experience are most apt to provide loving care that encourages the children to grow and learn. Caregivers with specialized training engage in more social interaction with children and are more responsive to their needs.

Finally, a positive relationship between the parents and the caregiver is an important indication of the quality of care that will be provided. Parents should be actively involved in the care, observing how the caregiver relates to the children and discussing discipline techniques.

Quality care for children is a match between what the caregiver has to offer and the family's needs. Shop around to find the right fit.

This article was written by Catherine Hauck, an adviser with the Extension Service.

## Women of Achievement luncheon deadline May 8

Wednesday is the deadline for purchasing tickets to the 1990 Women of Achievement luncheon at noon May 17 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton.

The luncheon, sponsored by the Suburban Journals and KMOX Radio, pays tribute to the exceptional women selected for the significant contributions they have made to the St. Louis community.

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be ordered by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope

and a check to: Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1715 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131. Checks should be made payable to the Suburban Journals. Reservations are by mail order only.

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## McElroy

Stanley J. McElroy, 80, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., died at 11:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was 10 weeks and hospitalized the same length of time.

Born Aug. 29, 1910, in New Madrid, Mo., he resided in Granite City for 53 years. He was employed at A.O. Smith for 20 years, retiring in 1978. He also worked for Magna Bank in Granite City and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnne Hansen of Virginia Beach, Va., and Marilyn Sue Workman of Florissant, Mo., and two sisters, Floy Kelley of Reno, Nev., and Mabel Wallace of Long Beach, Calif. four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Jessie (Watts) McElroy, and three brothers.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today (Sunday) at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., where services will be at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, near Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the Heart Fund.

## Richmond

Violet June (Elkins) Richmond, 49, of Granite City died at 3:59 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 1991, at St. Luke's West Hospital, Chesterfield, Mo., after an illness and hospitalization of one month.

Mrs. Richmond was born Aug. 3, 1941, in Anna, Ill. She was a lifelong resident of Granite City and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, Thomas Richmond of Granite City; one daughter, Lori Moreno of Granite City; her mother, Esther Whitis of Granite City; three brothers, George, Darrell and Gary Elkins, all of Granite City; two sisters, Terry Polach of Granite City and Lois, of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Elkins.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel, 3660 Maryville Road, Granite City. Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday by the Rev. Kenneth Reeves at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

## Seago

Grace E. (Bishop) Seago, 66, of Dixon, Mo., died Saturday, April 27, 1991, at Jefferson City, Mo.

Mrs. Seago was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Olive Branch, Ill. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church in Dixon.

Survivors include two daughters, Evelyn Garrison of Cahokia and Sharon Mayer of Dixon; two brothers, Walter E. Bishop of Texas and James W. Bishop of Florida; two sisters, Irene Starr of Granite City and Katharine Poole of Fairview Heights; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Seago, and her parents, John and Eva (Bilbeck) Bishop.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 4, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville by the Rev. Bill Fox. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

## Beck

Mary Beck, 75, of Caseyville died at 11 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 1991, at the Castlehaven Nursing Home.

She was born July 12, 1915, in Caseyville and before retiring worked as a civil service employee.

Survivors include a brother, Henry Beck of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mary (Collins) Beck.

Private graveside services were held Friday at the Caseyville Cemetery in Caseyville.

Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, was in charge of arrangements.

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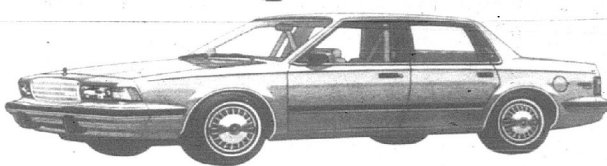
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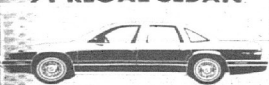
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## President: 'Time to think anew' about public housing

By Walter Pritchard  
Staff writer

Hundreds of people at Cochran Gardens complex on the near North Side braved a dreaching rain Friday to hear President Bush urge Congress to support tenant management as well as eventual tenant ownership of public housing.

The President announced two new initiatives that will be introduced in Congress this week — an urban renewal program called Enterprise Zone and Job Creation Act, and the Community Opportunity Act, which would allow the poor to decide, instead of politicians in Washington, how federal dollars are to be spent in individual communities.

In a 10-minute speech on the steps of one of the townhouses at Cochran Gardens, the President called on Congress appropriate \$855 million in fiscal year 1992 for project HOPE: Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere.

HOPE is part of the National Affordable Housing Act that Bush signed last November that allows public housing residents to manage, and eventually own, their homes, as well as create thriving neighborhoods free of drugs and crime.

Funding from HOPE would set up tenant management corporations as well as provide money for rehabilitation of public housing units.

Cochran Gardens, which has been under tenant management

since 1976, is a national model for tenant control of public housing. The complex has undergone extensive renovation over the years and has seen an appreciable reduction in crime and drugs, said Bertha Gilky, president of Cochran Garden's tenant management board.

Bush contrasted Cochran Gardens with the "dismal legacy" of the old Pruitt-Igoe public housing projects, which were demolished in 1972. He said Pruitt-Igoe once "suffocated this community" by attracting crime, drugs and shattering hope. Pruitt-Igoe "symbolizes the failure of the past," he said.

Bush said the 1990s mind-set of a system where government bureaucracy "leaves no room for individual dignity" and "warehouses people and strips them of their very dignity" has no place in the 1990s.

The President said he wants full funding for HOPE and congressional support for the other programs.

"Congress, you ought to start thinking anew, give these people a chance now," he said. "Pass this new legislation. Don't go back to the old answers that have failed the people of St. Louis year in and year out."

"It's time to think anew."

Gilky, who escorted the President to the podium, said Bush's visit was an historic day. The occasion brought back memories of 1972 when the City of St. Louis wanted to "blow up" Cochran Gardens because leaders felt it

was not worth saving, she said.

"The residents of Cochran decided that we would take the responsibility to turn Cochran around," she said. "We had critics that said tenants can't manage. In 1991, those same critics are saying 'yes you're managing.'"

Also in attendance was Jack Kemp, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, who praised Bush for opening a "bold and radical new chapter in the civil rights movement."

Removing the board-ups from thousands of public housing units across the country would make them available to people who need them — people who can realize economic empowerment and true dignity, he said.

"He (Bush) just got (finished) liberating Kuwait, and now we want to liberate the inner cities," Kemp said.

A critic of the homeownership component of HOPE is U.S. Rep. William L. Clay, D-1st Dist. Clay contends the federal government is attempting to get out of public housing by selling units to tenants.

Last week, Clay opposed a \$380 million appropriations request from Kemp to implement public housing sale programs for the next fiscal year. Clay believes homeownership would increase the cost of public housing for the poor and displace many of them.

## Proposed stricter open-meeting legislation opposed by cities

By Joe Carroll  
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — Representatives of local governments are waging an all-out battle against a bill that would make it more difficult for city councils and village boards to hold closed meetings.

But supporters of the proposed legislation, which rewrites most of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, say it would make officials at all levels of government more accountable for their actions.

One of the bill's most controversial provisions calls for \$500 fines for every member of a public body who participates in an illegal closed meeting.

The fines would have to be paid by the individuals, not the governmental body.

"There are five or six things we don't like about this bill but I can tell you the main problem we have is with making individuals pay those fines," said Larry Frang, a spokesman for the Illinois Municipal League. "That is totally unacceptable to us."

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago, said discussions are being held with the league,

which is at the forefront of the effort to defeat her bill. The talks will continue, in order to see if their differences can be ironed out, she said.

"But, to be honest, I don't think we could ever satisfy the Municipal League completely," Currie said.

"If it was up to them, I think they would rather we had no Open Meetings Act at all."

Currie said she is willing to cooperate and has already agreed to strike one offending provision from the bill — a clause that required a three-fifths vote among board or council members before they could go into closed session. All that is required now is a simple majority.

"Too much compromise, Currie we need, could water down the bill so much that it would not be worth passing."

The league is also demanding that a requirement that governmental bodies tape record all closed meetings also be struck from the bill. But Currie said she will hold fast to that provision.

"That is one of the biggest changes made in the Act," she

said. "And, of course, they are giving us a lot of opposition on it, but I think it's needed."

The recordings, which would not be open to public access, would have to be kept on file for 180 days and would have to be handed over to the county state's attorney's office if anyone challenged the propriety of the closed meeting.

"We don't think you would ever get a frank discussion (among council members) while the recorder is going," Frang said.

The Illinois House's State Government Administration Committee last week passed the bill on to the full House by an 11-4 vote.

Listed in the bill are 18 specific conditions under which public bodies would be allowed to call closed meetings. Included are: collective bargaining negotiations, personnel hiring and firing, and student disciplinary cases.

While many of the exceptions listed in Currie's bill mirror those alluded to in the Act, the bill is more specific about what sorts of issues could be discussed behind closed doors.

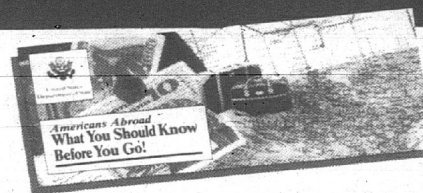
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